

We look forward to welcoming you all back to Southport Nippers for the 2017/18 season!

GUARANTEE YOUR PLACE FOR NEXT SEASON BY RENEWING BY 31 JULY 2017

We understand that many of you are probably right in the middle of your winter sports at the moment, and heading back to the beach may feel like a long way off, but the season will be here before we know it!

Because Southport has a very popular Nipper program, we ask that you consider your plans for the coming summer, and renew your membership by the 31st of July if you intend to be part of our program for another year.

At the beginning of August, we need to start offering places to new members so that all registrations can be finalised before the start of the Nipper season. As you are aware, for safety and operational reasons, our age groups are capped and many groups fill up fast.

RENEWAL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

Lifesaving Online is the most convenient and preferred method of renewal – for this you will need a Member's Portal account: portal.sls.com.au Members are now able to set up a family group which makes the process even easier! New siblings must submit ID with their application - birth certificate or passport please.

We have put together a step-by-step document to help you through the process – please follow the link to our website sslsc.com.au/nippers/ for all information including current fees. For any specific queries, please contact Dannielle in the Lifesaving Office.

PRELIMINARY POOL EVALUATION

Preliminary pool evaluations must be completed prior to Nippers commencing any activities – please note if your child wishes to compete, they must complete the longer, timed swim distance. Returning Nippers are welcome and encouraged to attend our pool evaluation days to complete these swims – Saturday 19 August (12 noon to 3pm) or Sunday 27 August (9am until noon), held at the Gold Coast Aquatic Centre.

Nipper memberships will be archived if a pool evaluation isn't submitted prior to 17 September 2017.

BLUE CARDS FOR PARENTS

Please note that ALL Club members over the age of 18 MUST hold a current Blue Card – an application must be submitted with membership if you do not hold a valid card. Forms are also available on the Club website.

CLUB WEBSITE AND NIPPERS FACEBOOK PAGE

We are aware you probably dislike a full inbox as much as we do, so we try to keep email communication to a minimum. Please make sure you read the 'Fried Egg Flyer' Club newsletter which is emailed, head to our website for documents and information, and use the Nippers Facebook pages to communicate.

MEMBERSHIP FEE ASSISTANCE FROM 'GET STARTED QGRANTS'

The grant provides vouchers of up to \$150 per child (under 18) in their chosen sport for participation costs. If you would like to apply and use the voucher for the 2017/18 season membership fees please click on the link: qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/getinthegame/getstarted/

Southport SLSC is a registered organisation and can accept vouchers as payment for the applicable child's participation fees. Please refer to the Club membership price list for full details on fees and how much can be claimed on the vouchers – they cannot be used for uniforms or any other merchandise.

**PLEASE BE AWARE THAT PLACES OPEN TO NEW MEMBERS FROM 1 AUGUST 2017
WE ADVISE RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP BEFORE THIS DATE**